



JOHNNY RIVERS

MUD set out on the warpath this week, by way of a new concert series opening at Leeds Town Hall on Wednesday. Another 17 dates following in subsequent weeks, playing venues are far removed as Dundee and Bournemouth, and the itinerary finally draws to a close at London Rainbow on November 2. Throughout the tour, the band will be promoting their new album "Mud Rock", released by RAK a couple of weeks ago. In terms of record sales, Mud are among the top three sellers in Britain so far this year, so they are bound to have plenty of support on their travels. Their music may be superficial, but at least it has instant appeal for the masses. Support acts on the tour are Light Fantastic and Feminine Touch. Promoter is Mel Bush.

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• Rivers flew into London at the beginning of last month and played a solitary gig at Bla's in Kensington, before departing for the Continent, where he has been touring extensively — and, judging from recent film reviews, very successfully. Now he's back in Britain for a string of dates, commencing this week in Birmingham on Friday. His backing Boogie Band has assumed a somewhat independent existence of late, with continual personnel changes and so on. And his present line-up is by no means permanent. In fact, he got it together primarily for this tour.

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• The veteran American country singer returns to Britain this week and, judging by the reviews of his last visit, there is a definite demand for him. He's playing no fewer than 35 concerts here, which is claimed by the promoters as a record for visiting artists, and who are we to argue? Principal support act is the popular Springfield Revival, and the itinerary includes a variety of performances of late, with continual personnel changes and so on. And his present line-up is by no means permanent. In fact, he got it together primarily for this tour.

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BOB HARRIS

• The bearded wonder from Radio 1 and "Whistle Test" is going out on the road this weekend, with a tour of the British Isles. His new album "The Wind Show" — Note the crafty play on the word "Whistle"? Presumably the Beeb wouldn't have them on their airwaves if it were Test title, so he settled for the next best thing. He's touring with a disco and live groups, and the upcoming tour extends through, on at least 10 dates. The itinerary includes a date at London's Clapham Grand on Saturday, and company are at Birmingham (Friday), Bradford (Saturday) and Blackburn (Wednesday).

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